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TO THE PRESIDIUM OF THE GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of the working class and working people of Turkey, the Communist Party of Turkey (TKP), protests vehemently against the attack by reactionary, militarist ruling quarters in Federal Germany on "Unsere Zeit", publication of the fraternal German Communist Party, and against the prosecution of the newspaper.

This attack on "Unsere Zeit", voice of the working class and working people of Federal Germany, is an attack not only against communists, but against all progressive, peace-loving, anti-fascist, anti-imperialist forces, against the democratic rights and freedoms of the entire people.

Such an attack is tied in with the tactic of the most reactionary, expansionist quarters to mask their efforts to incite "cold-war" sabotage the process of detente, and accelerate rearmament. This attack on "Unsere Zeit" closely concerns all those forces, the working class and people of Turkey included, fighting for peace and security in the world, and for national independence, democracy and socialism.

"Unsere Zeit" constantly exposes the plots and provocations hatched by imperialism and the ruling quarters of NATO. The reactionary, militarist ruling quarters cannot tolerate this. They hope to drown the voice of the working class and democratic forces of Federal Germany to silence it.

Workers from Turkey stand side by side with their class brothers, the workers of West Germany, in the struggle against west German monopolies and provocations and repression by the reactionary ruling forces. The TKP, the communists of Turkey, ever faithful to the principles of proletarian internationalism, are in complete solidarity with the fraternal German Communist Party and its publication, "Unsere Zeit"!

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THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ACTIONS FACILITATE THE ATTACKS OF REACTION — SOLIDARITY WITH THE TKP

The Ecevit government is retreating in the face of the reactionary-fascist forces. It is taking anti-democratic actions that allow reaction to step up its attacks.

Recently, the government ordered to confiscation of the Programme of the Communist Party of Turkey⁽¹⁾ and resorted to attempts to prosecute the progressive press. The hearing for the editors of the "Ürün" journal, the publisher of the TKP Programme, was held at the İstanbul 5th Criminal Law Court. The editor of "Ürün", Ahmet Taştas, and other staff were charged

under the fascist articles 141 and 142. In connection with the investigations, "Ürün's" editor issued a statement declaring that: "By publishing the TKP Programme, a valuable document of our times, we believe that we have carried out our duty as a democratic press. The fact that our case, essentially a press action in character, should have been referred to the Social Crimes Prosecutor, is clearly counter to the law.

The entire democratic public opinion should ponder carefully the efforts to implicate the TKP in this publication." ("Politika", 17.6.1978)

The anti-democratic actions of the government are not confined to the confiscation of the TKP Programme and the prosecution of its publishers. Legal proceedings have also been taken against the editor of "Temel" publications for publishing the documents of the TKP Conference. Furthermore, executive members of a number of democratic organisations are being investigated under the fascist articles 141 and 142 for employing the slogan "Freedom to the TKP" at the 1978 May Day demonstration. In addition to the widespread application of articles 141 and 142, efforts are also being made to increase their severity. A law has been submitted to parliament which will make the terms of these articles harsher with respect to army personnel and persons employed at military factories and workplaces. Efforts are intensifying to establish "Specialised Courts" which will take over the functions of the State Security Courts.

All these actions run counter to the programme and election manifesto of the Republican People's Party (RPP), the party which dominates the present government. Human rights, the right to think and organise freely, are being trampled underfoot by the enforcement of these laws, taken from Mussolini's fascist Italy. Moreover, these laws violate the basic rights, not only of this or that person, but of everyone who looks favourably on socialist leanings. The continued ban on the Communist Party of Turkey, the 15-year sentence being demanded for the publishers of the TKP Programme, contravene human rights and the essence of the Helsinki agreement. They cannot be reconciled with democracy. Leaving aside the actual lifting of the ban on the TKP, the moves to consider as criminal, even the voicing of the demand for the lifting of this ban, are irreconcilable with the most basic conception of law.

The Communist Party of Turkey has appealed to fraternal Communist parties and democratic organisations in all countries, as well as in Turkey, to protest against the prosecution of "Ürün" publishers for the publication of the TKP Programme, and to express their solidarity with "Ürün" magazine. Democratic organisations within the country and in many other countries are

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- (1) "Ürün" publishers legally published 50,000 copies of the TKP Programme in March 1978. The Programme has also been published in English.
 - (2) Addresses: Bülent Ecevit, Prime Minister of Turkey, Bakanlıklar, Ankara, Turkey.
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sending letters of protest to the Prime Minister. They are also expressing solidarity with "Ürün" publishers⁽²⁾.

The Common Demand is for Freedom to the TKP

The slogan for the repeal of anti-democratic laws and recognition of freedom to the TKP is a slogan embraced not only by communists, but by the broadest democratic forces. The demand of hundreds of thousands for "Freedom to the TKP" on May Day in İstanbul, the strengthening of the solidarity campaign with the TKP on a national and international scale, and the intensification of demands for the abolition of fascist articles such as articles 141 and 142, are concrete evidence of this development. The removal of articles 141 and 142, recognition of freedom to the TKP, is a prerequisite for the democratic development of society. The working class, progressive forces, patriots within the RPP, and democratic forces on an international scale recognise this fact and demand the abolition of these fascist articles and the implementation of freedom to the TKP. Among the progressive organisations and democratic-minded individuals who have expressed these demands are the following: Secretary of the İstanbul branch of the Association of the Health Personnel (TÜS-DER), Nâzım Öztürk; RPP İstanbul MP, Ali Nejat Ölçen; President of the Association of Contemporary Lawyers, Niyazi Ağırnaslı; President of the İstanbul branch of the Association of Technical Staff (TÜTED), Karabey Kalkan; Chairman of the News Association, Abidin Sökmen; President of the Kocaeli Bar, Turgut Kaya, Lawyers Ünsal Tüzün, Hüseyin Onur and Esin Cerrah; Chairman of the Progressive Women's Organisation (İKD), Beria Önger; RPP Zonguldak MP, Kemal Anadol; RPP Ankara Senator, Uğur Alacakaptan; RPP Zonguldak Senator, Mehmet Ali Pestilci; RPP Malatya MP, Mustafa Şentürk; RPP Adana MP, İsmail Hakkı Öztörün; RPP Ankara MP, Erol Saraçoğlu; President of the İstanbul branch of the Association of the General Staff (Genel-Der), Mevlut İnan. These organisations and individuals have declared that the fascist laws will be abolished by the common struggle of progressive, democratic forces.

International Solidarity

In the two years since the meeting of Communist and Workers' Parties in Berlin, the capital of the GDR, the solidarity of the international communist movement with the Communist Party of Turkey and the democratic forces of our country has increased visibly. The resolution in the main document pledging solidarity with the TKP and progressive, democratic forces in Turkey is being put into practice. The TKP gathers strength from the warm solidarity shown by all the fraternal parties, first and foremost, the CPSU.

18 British members of parliament and the democratic organisations of other countries based or having branches in Britain have protested against the prosecution of the publishers of the TKP Programme, "Ürün". They have demanded recognition of the TKP's right to function legally and the abolition of the fascist articles 141 and 142. These individuals and organisations have sent letters outlining those demands to Prime Minister Ecevit and Justice

Minister Mehmet Can.

The Communist Party of Great Britain and the Portuguese Communist Party organisation in Britain, the organisations in Britain of the Communist Youth of Greece (KNE) and the National Union of Iraqi Students, the London Women's Committee Against Racism and Fascism, the Palestine Solidarity Organisation and Chile Solidarity Campaign, the British-Soviet Friendship Society, the Union of Turkish Women in Britain and many other organisations have launched a broad campaign under the slogan "Freedom to the TKP, Abolish the Fascist Articles 141 and 142." They have sent a joint letter to Prime Minister Ecevit protesting against fascist attacks in Turkey and demanding an end to anti-democratic actions and the abolition of articles 141 and 142.

A delegation of parliamentarians from the Communist Party of France delivered a letter bearing the signature of Gaston Plissonnier, Secretary of the Party Central Committee, to the Turkish Embassy in Paris. The letter, addressed to Prime Minister Ecevit, states: "We understand that militants belonging to democratic organisations in your country are being prosecuted for having demanded the legalisation of the Communist Party, which has been proscribed for over half a century. We understand that legal proceedings have also been taken against the publishers, "Ürün" and "Temel" for having published documents such as the TKP Programme, and Resolutions and speeches at the TKP National Conference. You will no doubt understand that both we, and French democrats as a whole, condemn such measures.

We noted with interest and optimism your statements to the effect that it is necessary to end all manner of suppression of democratic rights and freedoms. For this reason we are requesting that you take steps to stop the above-mentioned legal actions, irreconcilable with a democratic country, and to ensure that the only party in Europe still forced to function clandestinely the Communist Party of Turkey, be allowed to function with the same rights as other political organisations.

In addition, "L'Humanite", the organ of PCF, published an article denouncing the anti-democratic actions against progressive forces in Turkey and demanding the lifting of the ban on the TKP.

VIOLENT FASCIST ATTACKS CONTINUE

Internal reaction, relying on the support of imperialism and NATO, is further intensifying the violent terror. Attacks by fascist commandos continue without let-up, as do the provocations of the Maoist fascists.

In the first days of July, a worker in Gaziantep, a youth in Adana, and a high-school student in Ankara were shot to death by fascist commandos belonging to the Nationalist Action Party. In disturbances caused by fascists at the Aegean University, the Dean of the Faculty of Earth Sciences was wounded in the head. On the 5th of July, the deputy principal and German teacher of the Atatürk Teacher Training Institute, in İstanbul, Fahrettin Yılmaz, was gunned down and killed by fascist commandos at a bus stop.

Only 2 days after this incident, Cuma Ocaklı, an art teacher at the same school, was murdered. A deputy principal of the Ortaköy Teacher Training Institute, İsmail Osmanoğlu, was shot by fascist commandos in a bus. In the Şehremini district of İstanbul, 3 people died when gunfire was opened on a cafe frequented by progressives. In Ankara and İstanbul, 2 workers were murdered by commandos. On the 9th of July, fascist commandos carried out 6 attacks by fascist commando resulted in the death of one person and the critical wounding of two others. On the 11th of July, in Ankara, fascist commandos murdered Bedrettin Cömert, a lecturer at Hacettepe University and critically wounded his wife. Thus, the death toll from violent attacks since the New Year reached the 400 mark.

The unrelenting increase in violent attacks and the intensification of anti-democratic actions have met with stern protests throughout the country. Progressive, democratic organisations, patriots within the Republican People's Party, and the trade unions are demanding that the instigators of all these murders, the fascist Nationalist Action Party and its para-military organisations, the Ülkü Ocakları and Ülkücü Gençler Dernekleri, be shut down, that organisations such as the Counter-Guerrilla, organised by agents of the National Intelligence Organisation (MİT), be dispersed, and that the security forces be purged of fascists.

In the face of this situation, the government is pursuing a policy of concessions. The Ecevit governments Minister for the Interior, Özaydınlı, is giving repression a green light. The government is employing the old "one blow to the right, two to the left" tactic. In the beginning of July, the government shut down the progressive police association, POL-DER, which has been fighting to stop the fascist attacks and to remove anti-democratic, reactionary legislation. Previously, 29 policeman belonging to this organisation were arrested for bill posting. To justify these anti-democratic actions, the government also shut down the purely nominal fascist organisation POL-BİR. Lately, pressure has also been increasing on democratic organisations such as the Progressive Youth Organisation (İGD), the Progressive Women's Organisation (İKD) and the Teachers' Association (TÖB-DER). Just as in the case of POL-DER, ways of shutting these organisations are also being sought.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF TURKEY CONDEMNS THE IDEOLOGICAL ATTACKS OF INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM ON THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES

In order to conceal the policy laid down at the NATO summit meeting to increase tension and accelerate rearmament, international imperialism is resorting more fiercely to the weapon of anti-communism and anti-Sovietism. Obsessed with the trials of three traitors in the Soviet Union in recent days, imperialist quarters and their propaganda machines have mounted an ideological assault on the socialist countries, and particularly the Soviet Union, in the form of a ballyhoo about "Human Rights". Carter and his security adviser Brzezinski made a crude attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union. Raising a clamour about "human rights", they championed

the three traitors, Shcharansky, Ginsburg and Filatov. There is nothing surprising about this. These quarters are protecting their own agents. These traitors had established contact with the imperialists' secret intelligence agencies, had worked as their agents, conducting anti-Soviet propaganda, furnishing state and military secrets to CIA spies and providing financial aid to former executioners of Hitler's concentration camps. According to the statement issued by TASS, a mass of evidence bearing witness to these crimes uncovered in their homes. Notwithstanding this evidence, imperialist quarters commit gross interference in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union, trample underfoot the decisions of the Helsinki Conference, and engage in various speculations.

The objectives of the reactionary, imperialist quarters is clear: their aim is to discredit the socialist countries, the upholders of the most fundamental right of man, the right to live, the driving force in the struggle against the imperialists' and NATO'ists' policy of rearmament, and whose struggle for peace, the hope of millions, has become state policy. Their aim is to hinder the struggle for peace, and to hide the hotbeds of tension they have created in all over the world behind a smokescreen of anti-Sovietism.

The reactionary-fascist forces and Maoists in Turkey have also joined in the imperialists' campaign of slander. In Turkey, 3.5 million people are unemployed and thus deprived of one, the most fundamental rights of man, the right to work. 41.8 per cent of the population does not receive sufficient nutrition. Every day a patriot falls victim to violent attacks of the agents of imperialism, the fascists and Maoists, whose masters are raising such a clamour about "Human Rights". Those who are clamouring about human rights in our country are also maintaining the ban on the TKP and on communist thinking.

The Communist Party of Turkey upholds the principles of proletarian internationalism. It is waging and will continue to wage, uncompromising struggle against all attacks directed against the most powerful base of support and strongest gain of the peoples and peace-loving forces of the world, the socialist system.

